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Dear Dr. Rensburg,

I was interested to see your paper in the Journal of General Microbiology 66:215-219, 1971. We would be very much interested to repeat your demonstration of transformation in Proteus, and for that purpose I would be grateful if you could send me the most appropriate strains. If you think you could also send me a small amount of active DNA this would also be most helpful. I do not know whether you will have verified that you can successfully reconstitute its biological activity after lyophilization.

It would indeed be very helpful to have another system for DNA transfer.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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